

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: bdsm-pain-videos_2.mpg

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 802136

Medium: Computer Moving Image File

Director: Not stated

Producer: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: English

Applicant: District Court at Wellington

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 03 February 2009

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

	Components	Running time
Feature(s):	bdsm-pain-videos_2.mpg	0:20
Total running time:		0:20

Summary of reasons for decision:

The publication is classified as objectionable because it promotes and supports the use of violence to compel a person to submit to sexual conduct.

The computer moving image file depicts two women, in positions of complete subservience, submitting to sexual conduct. The publication presents the women's pain and fear as arousing and legitimises and encourages an interest in sexual violence directed at women.

The Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 on the application of the classification criteria. The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the use of violence to compel a person to submit to sexual conduct.